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Development of SSI in Assam

2166. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) -what Plan and Policy have been taken to help Assam in the field of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries;

(b) what amount has been sanctioned to the State Government of Assam for this purpose during last three years;

(c) whether there is any plan to support during coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Besides all the on-going Schemes/Programmes, the Central Government has introduced a comprehensive New Industrial Policy for the entire North-Eastern Region including Assam to help Small Scale Industries and Agro & Rural Industries. The salient features of the policy are as under:-

1. IID Scheme: Under this scheme funding pattern (sharing of funds) for Integrated Infrastructural Development Centres (IIDCs) has been changed from 2:3 between GOI and SIDBI to 4:1. The Government share is in the form of grant and SIDBI share in the

form of loan. One IID Centre has been sanctioned in Village Dalgaon in District Darrang (Assam) on 3.4.2000.

2. Subsidy @ 15% of the investment in Plant and Machinery subject to a ceiling of Rs. 30.00 lakhs is allowed under the Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme.

3. An interest subsidy @ 3% on the working capital loan is provided to the new units in the NE Region for a period for 10 years from the commencement of production.

4. Comprehensive Insurance scheme for Industrial units set up after 24.12.1997 has been put in place.

5. Transport subsidy scheme has been extended by 7 years upto 31.3.2007 and amount is to be disbursed through the North-East Development Finance Corporation.

6. Industries located in the Growth Centres and IIDCs become Tax-free zones for income tax and excise duty for a period of 10 years.

7. Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana Scheme, relaxation in age, income limit and enhancement in the quantum of subsidy has been given.

(b) Funds for promotion of SSI&ARI are not allocated State-wise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Strategy for development of Small Scale Industries & Agro and Rural Industries during the Ninth Plan includes strengthening and continuation of the scheme/programmes and also preparation of some new schemes. These relate to improving the supply of credit, fiscal exemptions and concessions, technology upgradation, infrastructural development, market development, entrepreneurial development and creation of information technology network etc. For loans up to Rs. 10.00 lakhs without collateral, a Credit Guarantee Fund has been created. A scheme of support for Technology Upgradation in specified industries is being formulated. The National Programme for Rural Industrialisation to promote clusters of SSI units in rural areas is being implemented jointly by KVIC, NABARD, SIDBI, State Government and SIDO. One cane and bamboo cluster at Silchar District of Assam has been launched

by KVIC. Under this programme SIDBI has identified clusters for development at Nalbari, Dibrugarh and Tinsukia in Assam. A Tool Room & Training Centre is being set up at Guwahati at a total cost of Rs. 13.28 crores. Under the Margin Money Scheme, all beneficiaries from Assam State are provided 30% margin money instead of 25% to the general category from other parts of the country, KVIC has sanctioned Rs. 4.50 crore to Assam State KVI Board as Margin Money under its REGP Programme for the year 2000-2001.

Loans to unemployed youths under PMRY

2167. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such unemployed youths in Maharashtra who have been provided with loans under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana by the banks during last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(b) what are the details of funds allocated under the above scheme, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The statement showing district-wise number of unemployed youths provided with loans by the banks in Maharashtra under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for the last three years i.e. 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 based on the Report received from the Maharashtra Government is enclosed. (See below)

(b) Under the scheme, Central Govt. releases the funds for subsidy, training and entrepreneurial development etc.

The funds for the subsidy are authorised to the Reserve Bank of India for passing on to the individual beneficiary through the implementing banks. Hence, the State-wise / District-wise details of subsidy released are not available.

Rs. 69.35 lakhs, Rs. 121.06 lakhs and Rs. 272.69 lakhs respectively were released to the Maharashtra Government by the